

SOON TO HEAR  
KENTUCKY CASE.United States Supreme Court Names  
April the 30th.

## A STATEMENT SUBMITTED.

Showing the Existing Conditions in the  
State—The Facts Agreed Upon by  
Counsel for Both Taylor  
and Beckham.

Washington, April 16.—The case involving Taylor and Beckham was docketed in the United States Supreme Court today. A brief statement, in which counsel for both Taylor and Beckham joined, was filed at the same time, asking for an early hearing.

The court advanced the case to be heard on the 30th instant, and allotted each side four hours for argument.

The statement sets out that both Taylor and Beckham as governor; John Marshall as lieutenant governor on the Republican side, and L. H. Carter as president pro tem of the Senate, and John B. Castleman as adjutant general on the Democratic side, were all claiming the right to and are actually attempting to exercise the powers of the respective offices severally claimed by them, thus producing great confusion in Kentucky, by reason of doubt as to which of the persons named has the lawful right to exercise the authority pertaining to the several offices named, all to the great injury and detriment of the people of the State.

## THE AGREEMENT

The agreed statement then continues as follows:

"Thus under the constitution and laws of Kentucky the governor of the State, in addition to being charged generally with the duty of seeing that the laws are faithfully executed, is also specially charged with the duty and invested with the power of filling many offices in the State by appointment, and others by appointment to fill vacancies; and also with the power to issue commissions to many officers, whether appointed or elected by the people, and also with the power to issue pardons and to remit fines and forfeitures.

"Both plaintiff in error, William S. Taylor, and defendant in error, J. C. W. Beckham, are claiming the right to perform all the functions of the office of governor, and each of them is attempting and has actually attempted to perform many of said functions, such, for example, as issuing pardons, and filling offices, by appointment, etc.

"Some of the officers of the State recognize the acts of the plaintiff in error, William S. Taylor, as the lawful acts of the governor of the State, and refuse to recognize the acts of the defendant in error, J. C. W. Beckham, while other officers of the State recognize the acts of J. C. W. Beckham as the lawful acts of the governor of the State and refuse to recognize the acts of William S. Taylor as such governor.

"Among other officers whom the governor is recognized and required to appoint are the officers of the eleemosynary institutions of the State, and each of the said two claimants of the office of governor has attempted to fill the offices and some persons recognize the authority of the appointees of one of the said claimants to the offices and refuse to recognize those of the other, and vice versa.

## IMPORTANCE OF EARLY DECISION.

"By reason of all these facts, and others which might be enumerated, it is of the utmost importance to the people of the State of Kentucky that the question of the right to offices involved in the aforesaid litigation be determined. The questions of law involved in said cause are of very great and grave importance, involving the nature and extent of the powers of an election contest tribunal and the powers of the judiciary with relation thereto.

Mr. Louis McQuinn appears as attorney for Beckham and others of the Democrats, while Holmes Bruce appears for Taylor and other Republicans.

While Mr. Bruce was presenting the above statement of facts, the Chief Justice asked him if he did not expect the question of jurisdiction to be raised, and whether he did not also expect a motion to dismiss.

Mr. Bruce replied that both were probable, but that there was such confusion in the State that all were anxious for a decision during the present term of the court, and that the course undertaken was apparently the only one open.

"If," he added, "the court should decide to sustain the motion to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction, that would, of course, end the controversy." If the opinion on such a motion should be adverse to dismissal it would then, he admitted, probably be too late to hear the case on its merits.

## THE TRANSVAAL WAR.

Horses Being Received—Opinion of Correspondent Villiers.

London, April 16.—A Capetown dispatch says that nearly three thousand horses have been landed here since April 13, which indicates that every effort is being put forth to remedy the great defect in the British organization.

The chief Boer delegate, Fischer, accompanied by Dr. Leyds, visited the president of the Dutch cabinet today at The Hague, but the doings of the delegates create little speculation in England.

Frederick Villiers, the veteran war correspondent, who arrived at Southampton today from the front, said he believed the worst of the war was over, and that a guerrilla warfare would continue for some time.

An official bulletin issued at Pretoria, April 13, reports that the Burgheers captured five hundred slaughter oxen at Wepener, and that General Freeman

that day defeated the British, causing them to fly in the direction of Wepener, apparently over the Orange River.

The Irish-American ambulance arrived at Pretoria on April 13.

The Boers report no casualties during the recent fighting at Wepener. Brantford, Friday, April 13, via. Lorenzo Marques.—Fighting with General Brabant's horse at Jamburg drift continues. Commandant Petrus De Wet is reported to have engaged the troops sent from Bloemfontein to Brabant's assistance. There was also a brush with a British column advancing toward Bloemfontein without a final result.

London, April 16.—A special despatch from Ladysmith dated April 16 at 9:45 a. m. says:

"Native scouts have just reported that the Boers in the Elandsbaag district have retired beyond the Biggarsberg. Other information tends to confirm the report that the Boers have succeeded in blowing up three colliers near Wessels Nek, completely destroying the engine houses and plants."

## ENGLAND BOWS TO AMERICA.

Yields the Palm to Uncle Sam in Bringing China to Terms.

London, April 17.—The Daily News, commenting editorially on the correspondence between Great Britain and the United States on the "Open Door" in China, was published in a blue book Saturday, says:

"It gives a strong impression that the United States recognized Lord Salisbury's incapacity to resist the tendency toward a partition of China. The honors are decidedly with the United States, which took a much firmer and more impressive tone than had characterized the squeakable Lord Salisbury's previous communications with Russia and Germany."

## TURKEY'S PROMISE NOT KEPT.

This Government May Have to Enforce Its Demand for Indemnity.

Washington, April 16.—It is learned on undoubted authority that the negotiations for the payment of indemnity demanded for the destruction of American missionary property in Turkey in the Armenian massacres in 1895 have reached their logical conclusion. Minister Straus secured a promise from the Sultan that indemnity to the amount of \$90,000 should be paid, and that promise having been twice renewed, the last time before the departure of Minister Straus from Constantinople, it was understood by the Minister, as well as by the State Department, that payment would be forthcoming. Sixteen months have passed since the promise was made, and it has not yet been fulfilled. A question, therefore, presents itself as to what action this Government will take to enforce its overture. Meanwhile, the President has refused to accept the resignation of Minister Straus, and has indefinitely extended his leave of absence.

## TAZEWELL DEMOCRATS

Assemble in Mass-Meeting—Elect Delegates and Pass Resolutions.

The Democrats of Tazewell county met in mass-meeting in the court house on last Tuesday at 1:30 p. m. The meeting was called to order by Mr. S. J. Thompson, county chairman, and, upon motion, Mr. E. L. Greener was elected chairman of the meeting. Mr. T. A. Lynch was made secretary.

Judge J. H. Stuart, judge of the county, made a motion that the number of delegates from the county to the State Convention be doubled as, Tazewell was entitled to a small number—eight. His motion was adopted, and the Magisterial districts then met in separate meetings to select the delegates from their respective districts.

The following delegates and alternates were reported to the meeting, and the reports were received and adopted:

JEFFERSONVILLE DISTRICT.  
H. C. Alderson, D. H. Smith, R. R. Henry, T. A. Lynch, Wm. McNeil, and J. E. Harman, delegates. J. S. Peery, A. J. Higginbotham, Joseph Ceger, A. J. Steele, J. W. Whitley and W. A. Thompson, alternates.

CLEAR FORK DISTRICT.  
A. St. Clair, A. S. Grever, Robt. Tarter, J. L. Baser, W. D. Jones and J. W. Hicks, delegates. G. S. Gildersleeve, Jno. T. Nash, Lee Pindexter, Hiram Stowers, C. P. Grever and H. Lee Brown, alternates.

MAIDEN SPRING DISTRICT.  
Dr. W. R. Williams, C. H. Peery, P. H. Williams, and Dr. W. E. Baylor, delegates. W. P. Burgess, J. A. Repass, Geo. Ward, and Geo. R. Hurt, alternates.

Resolutions were passed endorsing the course of W. F. Rhea in holding the seat in Congress claimed by General Walker, and recommending that W. F. Rhea be the next nominee of the party in this district for Congress.

A resolution was then offered and adopted declaring against the State Convention making the constitutional convention question a party issue; and directing the delegates from this county to vote in accordance with the resolution.

The meeting was not a large one and was not characterized with much enthusiasm. It was the smallest Democratic meeting we have ever seen in Tazewell.

## The Best in the World.

We believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best in the world. A few weeks ago we suffered with a severe cold and a troublesome cough, and having read their advertisements in our own and other papers we purchased a bottle to see if it would effect us. It cured us before the bottle was more than half used. It is the best medicine out for colds and coughs.

The Herald, Anderson, Ind. For sale by JOHN E. JACKSON, Druggist.

ON THE EVE  
OF ADVANCING.Lord Roberts Expected Soon to Start  
For Pretoria.

## CANNOT BE LONG DELAYED.

Strategic Advantages of the Present Position Will be Lost Unless a  
Northward Move  
Is Made.

London, April 17.—At last Lord Roberts seems to be on the eve of making his advance toward Pretoria. Unless all the usually reliable sources of information and all the indications smuggled past the censor are at fault, the British army within a few days will be marching northward.

After many premature and unfounded reports which are purported to tell of this move, there is naturally, even in the best informed quarters, considerable hesitancy in definitely settling upon the day Lord Roberts is likely to leave Bloemfontein, but there is a settled impression that it will occur either at the end of this week or at the beginning of next. The long, weary wait in the Free State capital has apparently effected a much needed rehabilitation, though it is probable Lord Roberts would have still further delayed his advance had not the Boer activity compelled him to put his forces in such positions that today, unless they quickly move northward, the strategic advantage will be lost.

The critics agree in the supposition that the advance will be made in parallel columns, with a broad front, west of the railroad, the Third and Eighth divisions sweeping northward to the extreme northwest, the entire force amounting to 75,000 men. Exactly what part General Buller will take is still a secret which no one is able to probe.

From the seat of war there is significant silence. From The Hague comes the news that the Boer delegates refuse to make public the object of their mission. They hope to be received by Queen Wilhelmina, but nothing in this direction has yet been decided upon.

## AMEER DEMANDS AID.

Not Satisfied With the Aloofness of Great Britain.

Lahore, Punjab, April 17.—That Great Britain's attitude towards Afghanistan in connection with Russian designs on Herat does not meet with approval at Kabul (the capital of Afghanistan), is proved by an autograph letter published with the Ameer's consent, in which, after referring to the various rumors, he adds:

"Now, when Afghanistan is overwhelmed on all sides, the British government does not seem to take any interest, but enjoys the pride of aloofness and reserve. Whenever I have suggested a check to Russian aggression I have had no response from the government of India except the suggestion that Afghanistan might consent to the construction of railways and telegraphs. This is impossible, as the Afghans consider that such a step would mean their ruin. Notwithstanding all these troubles, I have proved for the past twenty-one years the firm ally of Great Britain. But now, at the last moment, I must inform my powerful ally, the government of India, that the present is the time for deeds and not for talk."

## PARIS EXPOSITION MAD.

Quarter Million Persons Attend Public Opening.

Paris, April 16.—Not less than a quarter million persons flocked through the great entrance to the Exposition grounds yesterday, the first occasion that the public had been afforded to get more than a glimpse at the world's resources as typified in the exhibits.

Once again the weather was superb, which undoubtedly aided the visitors in forming a good opinion of the show, even in its marked incompleteness. Americans were much in evidence, and American flags were everywhere in the decorations.

President McKinley's cablegram to President Loubet was much appreciated and Parisians generally were extremely desirous of extending a warm welcome to their fellow-Republicans.

The verdict of the French press is unanimous that the Exposition must prove the great means of improving France's relations with the outside world and consequently be a considerable factor in international peace.

The American pavilion was closed, but so were nearly all the buildings along the Seine, their woefully incomplete state being a strong reason for barring their doors.

## MONTENEGRO SURRENDERS.

Was One of the Filipino Insurgents  
Best Fighters.

Manila, April 17.—General Montenegro, one of the insurgents' best fighters has surrendered to Colonel Smith in the mountains near Camalanga, in the province of Pangasinan, where, with General Macabulos, he had been trying to reorganize the Filipino army. Colonel Smith, with five companies of the Seventeenth Regiment, nearly surrounded the force of Montenegro, who discouraged by the impossibility of making his men stand against the Americans, surrendered. Macabulos escaped.

The insurgents have attacked San Jose, in the province of Batangas, and Santa Cruz, on the Lake, fruitlessly.

Manila, April 17.—Twelve hundred Tagalos attacked Chase's Battalion, the headquarters of the Fortieth Regiment, at Cagayan on the 7th. The Americans had fifteen casualties, while on the attacking side fifty were killed and thirty wounded

or taken prisoners. The enemy, numbering 150 riflemen, the remainder being archers and mounted spearmen, swooped down in a howling mass, at daylight, surprising and killing three of the sentries. They swarmed the streets in small parties, some bearing scaling ladders, by which means some of them attempted to enter the houses.

The Americans tumbled out of the barracks and formed in the plaza, and the companies began sweeping the town. The subsequent street fighting lasted twenty minutes.

Twelve of the wounded Americans are now on board the hospital ship Relief. The enemy withdrew to the mountains in great confusion.

## DEWEY CASE EXPLAINED.

Story Purporting to Prove That His Candidacy Was an Act of Vengeance.

Chicago, Ill., April 16.—The Times-Herald publishes the following from its Washington correspondent:—

"The Admiral Dewey mystery is explained at last. The real reason for the Admiral's sudden announcement of himself as a Presidential candidate and his bitter feeling toward President McKinley are cleared up by a discovery which was made today.

"Admiral Dewey himself furnished the clue to the explanation by complaining to his friends that President McKinley has been unable to pay Admiral Dewey the same compensation as that received by the civilian members of the late Philippine Commission, \$10,000. The President wanted to pay this sum to the Admiral, but the law would not permit. That section of the statute which says no one shall hold two offices of trust and profit under the United States Government where the compensation exceeds \$2,500 was in the way.

"About a month ago Admiral Dewey called at the White House and asked President McKinley about the compensation for his services as a member of the Philippine Commission. The President told him he wanted to pay him the same sum as the other civilian members were to receive. Admiral Dewey then volunteered to the President the statement that in his opinion there was but one candidate for President in this country; that there should be but one, President McKinley.

"You have earned a re-election and the people will give it to you!" the Admiral said. Dewey then went on to say that he had always been a Republican, that he was originally a Republican on the slavery issue, was afterward a Republican on protection, then on the money question, and was now a Republican on expansion. He thanked the President for all past kindnesses and went away in a happy frame of mind. A few days later he started on his tour through the South.

When Dewey returned from his Southern trip the first thing he heard at the office of the Secretary of the Navy was that the law would not permit him to draw the \$10,000 compensation. The Admiral lost his temper. He declared he would have vengeance for his fancied wrongs, and in a day or two not only the people of the country, but Admiral Dewey's most intimate friends, were amazed and surprised at his announcement that he was a candidate for President.

## TELEGRAPHIC FLASHES

Condensed News of General Interest.

King Oscar, of Norway and Sweden, has gone to England to visit Queen Victoria.

Senator Mark Hanna is at Old Point, Va., confined to his bed with a severe attack of grip.

A ship load of corn has been ordered for South Africa. It will be loaded at a Brooklyn elevator.

Representative Griffith, of Indiana, has introduced a bill repealing the stamp tax on drafts, checks, etc., and on proprietary medicines.

The cases involving the Kentucky Governorship were docketed in the United States Supreme Court on the 16th inst., and the Supreme Court advanced the cases so as to call them for a hearing on the 30th inst.

Three hundred insurgents, riflemen and Bolomen, attacked the American garrison, province of North Iloilo, on the 15th inst., but were repulsed, losing one hundred and six men. The Americans had no casualties.

After extended meetings a unanimous agreement was reached on the 17th inst. by the Senate and House conferees on the Hawaiian government bill. The form of government as finally determined upon is that provided by the House.

A telegram from South Africa to the London Daily Mail says the Transvaal Government is relying strongly on American intervention. Great results are expected from the campaign of Webster Davis and from the Presidential campaign.

It is announced that ex-Senator Gorman, of Maryland, is for Dewey, and that he and other leaders of the regular Democratic organization in that State are taking steps to get an untried delegation from Maryland with a view to swinging it in line for Admiral Dewey.

## Indictments in Kentucky.

Frankfort, Ky., April 17.—The grand jury reported indictments against Caleb Powers, John Powers, Charles Finley, Wharton Golden and W. R. Cullen as accessories, and against Henry E. Youtsey, Berry Howard, Jim Howard, Harland Whitaker and Dick Combs charged with the wilful murder of Mr. Gabel.

## A Horrible Outbreak.

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LOCAL ITEMS.WHAT HAS RECENTLY TRANSPIRED  
IN THE COUNTIES OF THIS  
SECTION.

From reports as to the condition of Col. Abe Fulkerson, who was recently stricken with paralysis, there is but little hope for his recovery.

Frank McCoy, a Norfolk and Western conductor, was killed last Saturday at Shaversville, Va., by being run over by a number of wild cars that had broken loose from the main train.

Dr. Nat. T. Dulaney, of Bristol, Tenn., delivered a lecture at Ellendale, in Smyth county, on last Friday night. The lecture was for the benefit of Ellendale High School library. The lecture was followed by a supper and quite a large sum was realized. The library of the school is already a very large one, composed of a number of select volumes.

Captain George H. Bentley of the Forty-seventh United States Volunteers was seriously wounded in a recent hand-to-hand fight with the Filipinos at Daraga, Captain Bentley is from Pulaski county, Va., and was appointed a captain in the United States Volunteers upon the recommendation of Governor Tyler, of Virginia. The wound he received was a hole cut on his right forearm.

Lynn Commandery, No. 9, K. T., of Marion, Va., has decided to celebrate Ascension Day at Pulaski, Va., on the 24th of May, 1900. This decision was made as a compliment to the gentlemen of Pulaski who are members of Lynn Commandery. Invitations will be extended to Johnson Commandery, of Bristol, Va., Clinch Valley Commandery, of Tazewell, Va., Cyrene Commandery, of Norton, Va., and Bayard Commandery, of Roanoke, Va., to join with Lynn Commandery in the celebration. It is expected that over one hundred Sir Knights will attend, and a banquet, at which one hundred and fifty plates will be set, will be given at Maple Shade Inn. The ascension services will be held at the Methodist church, and will be conducted by Rev. A. S. Thorn, who will preach the sermon. Rev. Thorn is prelate of Lynn Commandery.

## Board of Pensions.

On Tuesday the Board of Pensions for Tazewell county was organized, with A. St. Clair as chairman and J. R. Gildersleeve as clerk, all the members being present. The Board adjourned to meet on the 1st of June, 1900. All applicants for pensions are requested to present their claims properly vouched for and in due form to the clerk of the county court, on or before said 15th day of June. Proper blanks can be obtained by applying to the county court clerk.

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## EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

Have the Virginia Democrats offered any reason for making a new constitution for the State, except to help the Democratic party?

The Richmond News says: "We are told that the per capita of money is now \$26.12, and many of us are wondering when we are going to get ours." Just as soon as you do something that is worth that much money.

It is now pretty well settled that the Virginia Democrats will make the constitutional convention question a party issue. Later on the Republicans will show to the people the true purpose the Democrats have for holding such a convention.

The Pulaski News-Review says: "The Republicans are beginning to realize that they must go before the country in the Fall election on the defensive from every point of view." What else can the Republicans be expected to do when they have to meet the offensive doctrines of Democratic-Populism?

The Indianapolis "Journal" says: "Before Mr. Blackburn shall be seated in the Senate that body should ascertain whether or not the State of